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FOREWORD

The world today is filled with hate, greed, and strife. Humanity is threatened with an atomic war, with its accompanying suffering, misery, death and destruction such as has never been seen in the entire history of mankind.

The only hope for averting these disasters lies in the fulfillment, by a sufficient number of people, of the requests made by the Blessed Virgin at Fatima, Portugal, in 1917. If these simple requests are heeded in time, World War III will be averted, the mental and spiritual ills of mankind cured, and a lasting PEACE secured. FATIMA IS THE ONLY HOPE FOR TRUE PEACE IN THE WORLD TODAY.

This booklet is offered as a guide to those who wish to fulfill Our Lady's wishes. The prayers selected are in keeping with the spirit of the Fatima requests, and most of them have already been approved by the Church and enriched with indulgences. They have been arranged for congregational use for the purpose of public devotion and the Holy Hour.

I dedicate this booklet to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, begging her blessing upon all who use it.

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CHAPTER I

THE MESSAGE OF FATIMA

The Apparitions

At the time of the first World War, Pope Benedict XV appealed to the world for a Crusade of Prayer to Our Lady Mediatrix of Graces to bring peace to suffering humanity. Eight days later, on the Feast of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, May 13, 1917, the Queen of Heaven appeared to Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco, three little children who were watching their flocks a mile outside the village of Fatima in Portugal. In the *first* apparition Our Lady wore a snow-white garment. A radiantly white veil, with gold embroidery along the hem, covered her head and fell to her feet. Although she was youthful and lovely in appearance, it was evident that she was very sad. Her hands were folded at her breast and from them hung a long pearl-white rosary. Her body was wholly resplendent with light.

Our Lady told the children not to fear. She assured them that she had come from heaven and requested them to come to this place at the same hour on the thirteenth of each month until October. She encouraged them to bear sufferings in reparation for sin and for the conversion of sinners. After admonishing them to pray the Rosary, she disappeared.

In her second apparition, June 13, 1917, Our Lady again recommended the devo-

tion of the Rosary and taught the children to add this ejaculation after each decade: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins; save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven and help especially those most in need of Your mercy." She told Lucia that Jesus wished her to make His Mother known and loved, that He wished, in particular, to establish in the world the devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Then the little shepherds saw, within the light shining from the Lady, a heart surrounded with thorns that wounded it on every side. They understood that it was the Immaculate Heart of Mary, wounded by the many sins of mankind and asking for penance and reparation.

In her *third apparition*, July 13, 1917, Our Blessed Mother states: "To save souls the Lord desires that devotion to my Immaculate Heart be established in the world. . . . I ask the consecration of the world to my Immaculate Heart, and Communion of reparation on the first Saturday of each month. If my requests are heard, Russia will be converted and there will be peace. . . . In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

In her *sixth and last apparition*, October 13, the Blessed Virgin in answer to Lucia's question — "Who are you and what do you want?" — said: "I am the Lady of the Rosary, and I have come down to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. Men must not continue to offend the Lord, already so deeply offended. They must say the Rosary." Mary also expressed the

wish that a chapel be built at this place in her honor.

Then followed a miraculous phenomenon. As the Blessed Virgin withdrew, she pointed to the sun. The rain ceased abruptly, the clouds parted, and the sun appeared for a moment in full splendor. Then it grew pale, like a silver disk, and began to revolve like a mighty pinwheel, throwing out shafts of light of all colors of the rainbow. Seventy thousand people fell upon their knees, weeping and making loud acts of faith and contrition. The movement ceased, only to be repeated a second and third time, lasting in all about ten minutes.

On May 13, 1928, the cornerstone of a great basilica was laid. On October 13, 1930, the Church formally declared the apparitions worthy of credence and gave official permission to practice devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima.

Fatima or Communism?

1. Communism — Movement from God.

In 1917, during October, the same year and month of the last apparition at Fatima, Communism began its world-wide movement. Pope Pius XI spoke of it thus: "This modern revolution threatens everywhere, and exceeds in amplitude and violence anything yet experienced in preceding persecutions directed against the Church. *Mary again appears on the pages of history and enters the annals of*

man's day to intercede for him, and to point out to him the means of delivery."

The Difference between a CATHOLIC and A COMMUNIST

THE CATHOLIC

Believes there is a God.

Believes and practices the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Believes in heaven and hell as reward or punishment hereafter.

Says every man has a personality that is sacred and inviolable.

Is a lover of peace.

Believes truth is sacred and falsehood is immoral and unlawful.

Uses the word "democracy" to mean "the rule by the people."

Desires social justice.

Defends the oppressed because of Christian charity and justice.

Opposes racial discrimination for

THE COMMUNIST

Denies His existence.

Follows the teachings of Marx, Lenin and Stalin.

Denies a life after death and calls heaven and hell a myth.

Says man, like a cog in a machine, is but a tool of the group.

Foments conflict.

Rejects the moral law and lies freely in order to deceive.

Talks "democracy," but means the dictatorship of Moscow.

Fans class struggle.

Aids the oppressed to win their support for a revolution.

Opposes racial discrimination to

all men are equal before God.

Has a high esteem for the individual because Jesus Christ became man and died for man's salvation.

gain aid for his party.

Will kill man's body or enslave his soul because he thinks man is a mere animal to serve creatures.

THE ANTIDOTE TO THE SUBTLE POISON OF COMMUNISM IS FATIMA!

2. Fatima — Movement to God.

Also in 1917 the message of Fatima began its world-wide movement to lead men back to God, and point the way to peace. Fatima is the exact counterpart of Communism.

In her *third* apparition at Fatima, Our Lady stated: "*If my requests are heard (Penance, Rosary, devotion and consecration to her Immaculate Heart, Communion and Reparation to her on five First Saturdays), Russia will be converted and there will be PEACE.*"

"*IF MY REQUESTS ARE NOT GRANTED*" great ERRORS will be spread through the world (Communism) giving rise to WARS (Korea) and PERSECUTIONS against the Church; the good will suffer martyrdom (Romania, Hungary, Latvia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia), and the Holy Father will have much to suffer; and several entire NATIONS will be destroyed."

They are going to be, unless we act NOW, NOT TOMORROW, but NOW!

Fatima or War

Our Lady said at Fatima that "wars are a punishment from God." Recently the Holy Father stated: "The greatest sin of our generation is that it has lost all sense of sin."

All of these crimes are calculated to bring down the wrath of God upon us in the form of suffering, persecution, death to loved ones, even an atomic war which threatens to put an end to our civilization. The minds and the souls of such people are hardly immaculate. We do need the Immaculate Heart of Mary to purify us and to plead for mercy lest God's just punishment comes upon a sinful world.

A few months after the close of the last war — the bloodiest in all history — the Holy Father warned: "Men must prepare themselves for suffering such as mankind has never seen." This is what the future holds for America and the world if Our Lady's requests at Fatima are not granted.

It is sin that is destroying the world today. We must make reparation. It is the only way to efface sin and the insult it afflicts on God Himself. It is the one sure way of winning God's love and blessings for a misguided and sinful world. In doing penance we are doing what St. Paul did: "I fill up . . . what is lacking of the sufferings of Christ." The Queen of Peace can open the eyes of the spiritually blind, remove the scales of materialism that make them skeptics, and restore the simplicity of childhood so necessary for the reception of God's blessings in this world and eternal life in the next. **OUR ONLY**

HOPE AGAINST THE SCOURGE OF WAR IS FATIMA.

The conversion of Russia, and an era of PEACE for mankind will come "WHEN," as Sister Lucy states who has it from Our Lady herself, "a sufficient number are OFFERING THEIR SACRIFICES AND FULFILLING OUR LADY'S REQUESTS." It will take a miracle to prevent war and bring PEACE to the world. But the miracle will come if YOU do your part by carrying out the requests of Our Lady of Fatima.

If you fail to heed her Fatima-message, you fail Mary. Without Mary, we are lost. For that reason little Jacinta declared shortly before her death, "*Ask the world to plead for PEACE from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided the PEACE of the world to her.*"

CHAPTER II

PRAYERS ACCORDING TO MARY'S PEACE-TERMS

Our Blessed Mother has left us a four-point program of PEACE at Fatima. If we fulfill its demands, she will keep her promise, which is the conversion of Russia and the longed-for PEACE.

Mary's PEACE terms are as follows:

1. Penance and reparation.
2. Daily Rosary.
3. Communion of reparation on five First Saturdays.

4. Devotion and consecration to her Immaculate Heart.

1. PENANCE AND REPARATION

In her six apparitions at Fatima in 1917, Our Blessed Mother made a repeated demand for penance.

"I have come down to WARN THE FAITHFUL TO AMEND THEIR LIVES (do penance) AND ASK PARDON FOR THEIR SINS. Men must not continue to offend the Lord, already so deeply offended."

Some years after the apparitions Lucy said: "That which has remained most deeply imprinted on my heart is the request of our Heavenly Mother begging us no longer to offend Almighty God Who is already offended so much." Jacinta, the youngest of the three children, said: "Oh, if men only knew what eternity is, how they would make all efforts to amend their lives. . . . The sins of the world are too great. *The sins which lead most men to hell are the sins of the flesh.* Oh, men must do penance. If they amend their lives, Our Lord will still pardon the world; but if they do not, the punishment will come."

The penance Our Lady requested at Fatima consists in amending your life, giving up sin, asking pardon and making reparation to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary so grievously offended by our sins.

The reparation Our Lady requested means: Offering sacrifice to atone for sins; fulfilling your daily duties well, accepting

the crosses of life with resignation and love, obeying the commandments, going to Mass, confession and Communion frequently, praying much. Offer up the sacrifices entailed in all this for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Therefore, if you fail to keep God's commandments, shirk the duties of your state of life, and neglect to use the means of grace — the sacraments and prayer — you are retarding the day of Mary's triumph.

Prayers of the Angel of Fatima¹

NOTE: All the indulgenced prayers in this booklet have been verified with the "Enchiridion Indulgentiarum" (1950), the latest official edition of prayers enriched with indulgences.

L.² My God,

A. I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love You. I ask pardon for those who do not believe, * nor adore, nor hope, nor love You.

L. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, *

A. I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body and Blood, * Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, * present in all the tabernacles of the world, * in reparation for all the outrages, sacrileges and indifferences, * by which He is offended. By the infinite merits of His Sacred Heart, * and through the in-

¹NOTE: In 1916 an angel had appeared on a hilltop to the three children of Fatima before the Blessed Mother did, and taught them these two prayers.

²L. Signifies Leader, or the priest. A. signifies All, or the congregation.

tercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I pray for the conversion of poor sinners.

**An Act of Reparation for Blasphemies
Against the Blessed Virgin**

L. Most glorious Virgin Mary, * Mother of God and our Mother, * look with pity upon us poor sinners. We are deeply afflicted by the many evils that surround us in this life, * but especially are we grieved, Immaculate Virgin, * when we listen * to the dreadful insults and blasphemies uttered against you.

A. How this wicked language offends the infinite Majesty of God * and His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ! How it provokes His anger, * and gives us cause to fear the terrible effects of His justice. If the sacrifice of our life could prevent such outrages and b'asphemies; * gladly would we offer it; * for we desire, most holy Mother, * to love and honor you with all our hearts, * such being the will of God. And because we love you, * we will do all in our power * to make you loved and honored by all men.

L. Meanwhile, our merciful Mother, * sweetest comforter of the afflicted, * accept this act of reparation * which we offer you in our own name and in the name of our families, * and in behalf of those who blaspheme you, * not knowing what they say.

A. Obtain for them from Almighty God the grace of conversion, * and thus render more manifest and more glorious * your kindness, your power and your

great mercy. May they join with us in proclaiming you blessed among women, * the Immaculate Virgin and most compassionate Mother of God.

Hail Mary (three times).

3 years (328)

Prayer to Mary, Help of Christians

L. Most holy and immaculate Virgin Mary, * our most tender Mother and powerful Help of Christians, * we dedicate ourselves entirely to your sweet love * and to your holy service.

A. We consecrate to you our mind with its thoughts, * our heart with its affections, * our body with its senses and all its powers * and we promise always to desire to work * for the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

L. Most glorious Virgin, you have always been the Help of Christians; * pray for us * and continue to show yourself such * especially in these times. Humble the enemies of our religion * and make their wicked designs ineffective. Enlighten and strengthen the bishops and priests, * and keep them always united and obedient to the Pope, * the infallible teacher; * preserve incautious youth from godlessness and vice; * promote holy vocations * and increase the number of priests * so that through them * the reign of Jesus Christ may be preserved among us * and may extend throughout the earth.

A. We beg you, sweetest Mother, * to keep your eyes of pity ever turned to youth, * exposed to so many dangers, * and to poor sinners and the dying. Be

for all, O Mary, a sweet hope, * the Mother of mercy and Gate of Heaven.

L. But we pray to you, great Mother of God, * also for ourselves. Teach us to reproduce in ourselves your virtues, * particularly angelic modesty, * profound humility and ardent charity * so that in our behavior, * by our words and example, * living in the midst of the world, * we may represent as far as possible, * your blessed Son, Jesus, * and may make you known and loved, * confident that thus * we shall succeed in saving many souls.

A. Grant, O Mary, our Help, * that we may all be gathered under your maternal mantle, * and that the remembrance of your love for your children may so strengthen us * as to make us victorious * over the enemies of our soul in life and death * so that we may help to form your crown in heaven. Amen.

500 days (413)

Mary most sorrowful * Mother of Christians, * pray for us.

300 days (376)

L. Remember, O Virgin Mother of God,

A. When you shall stand before the face of the Lord, * that you speak favorable things in our behalf, * and that He may turn away His just anger from us.

300 days (308)

L. O Mary, Mother of Grace and Mother of Mercy,

A. Protect us from our enemy, * and receive us at the hour of our death.

300 days (307)

2. DAILY ROSARY

At Lourdes Our Lady appeared eighteen times and invited Bernadette to recite the Rosary with her. In each of the six apparitions at Fatima, Mary insisted on the recitation of the Rosary. She made her appearances with the Rosary dangling from her clasped hands. In the last apparition Lucy asked: "Who are you and what do you want?" Our Lady replied, "*I am the Lady of the Rosary, and I have come to warn the faithful to amend their lives and ask pardon for their sins. They must not continue to offend Our Lord Who already is so deeply offended. THEY MUST SAY THE ROSARY.*"

During her third apparition Our Blessed Mother requested the recitation of this prayer after each decade of the Rosary: "*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of hell, lead all souls to heaven, and help especially those most in need of Your mercy.*"

Through the prayer of Rosary untold blessings have been showered down upon mankind throughout the ages. Through the Rosary today as in past times of peril that have threatened civilization, Mary has again come to save mankind from the evils that overwhelm us.

But the Rosary is especially most salutary in bringing back home life to its full splendor, by raising the family to a higher family circle where God is Father and Mary is Mother and we are all children of God. The Family Rosary is a practical way to strengthen the unity of family life, so easily weakened by the modern way

of living. It protects family life from worldly doctrines. It is a source of great blessing for the family, perhaps the greatest of which is PEACE founded on love. It cannot be otherwise, for Jesus has said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

According to the promises of Our Blessed Mother to her favorite children, the Rosary is a guarantee of her special protection and great graces, a happy death and eternal salvation.

To the Queen of the Holy Rosary

L. Virgin most powerful, * loving helper of the Christian people, * how great is the thanks we owe you * for the assistance you have given our fathers * who invoked your maternal help by the devout recitation of your Rosary * when they were threatened by the Turkish infidels. From heaven you saw their deadly peril. You heard their voices imploring your compassion. Their humble prayers, enjoined by the great Pope, Saint Pius the Fifth, * were acceptable to you, * and you came quickly to deliver them.

A. Grant, dear Mother, that in like manner * the prolonged sighs of the holy Bride of Christ in these our days * may reach your throne and win your pity. Be moved to compassion * and rise once again to deliver her from the many foes * who surround her on every side.

L. Even now from the four quarters of the earth * there arises to your throne the prayer of the Rosary, * to beg your

mercy in these troubled times. Unfortunately our sins hinder, * or at least retard their effect. Wherefore, dear Mother, * obtain for us true sorrow for our sins * and a firm resolution to face death itself * rather than return to our former sins. It grieves us that through our own faults, * your help which we need so desperately, * should be denied or come too late.

A. Turn to us, O Mary, * and graciously listen to the prayers of the whole Catholic world: * conquer the pride of those wicked men, * who in their insolence blaspheme Almighty God * and would destroy His Church, * against which, according to the infallible words of Christ, * the gates of hell shall never prevail. Let it be seen once more * that when you arise to protect the Church, * her victory is sure. Amen.

500 days (412)

L. Queen of the most holy Rosary, * in these times of such brazen impiety, * show your power with the signs of your former victories, * and from your throne, * from which you bestow pardon and graces, * mercifully look upon the Church of your Son, * His Vicar on earth, * and every order of clergy and laity, * who are sorely oppressed in this mighty conflict.

A. Powerful Vanquisher of all heresies, * hasten the hour of mercy, even though the hour of God's justice is every day provoked * by the countless sins of men.

L. For me who am the least of men, * kneeling before you in prayer, * obtain the grace I need to live a holy life upon

earth * and to reign among the just in heaven.

A. Meanwhile together with all faithful Christians throughout the world, * I greet you and acclaim you * as Queen of the most holy Rosary: Queen of the most holy Rosary, pray for us.

500 days (399)

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us.

300 days (296)

3. COMMUNION OF REPARATION ON FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS

In the third apparition of July 13, 1917, Our Lady said: "I ask . . . Communion of reparation on the first Saturday of each month." Later she made known her great Promise, when she showed Lucy her Heart and said: "My child, behold my Heart surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you at least strive to console me and say that I PROMISE TO ASSIST AT THE HOUR OF DEATH WITH THE GRACES NECESSARY FOR SALVATION ALL THOSE WHO ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF FIVE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS GO TO CONFESSION AND RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, SAY THE ROSARY AND SPEND A QUARTER OF AN HOUR IN MEDITATING ON THE FIFTEEN MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY, WITH THE OBJECT OF MAKING REPARATION TO ME."

During the same apparition Our Lady taught the children this prayer of reparation: "O Jesus, it is for Your love, for the

conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." She said, "Say it many times, especially whenever you make any sacrifice."

The confession may be made eight days preceding or following the Saturday on which Holy Communion is received. Since normally the First Saturday follows the First Fridays, one can easily receive Holy Communion on both days, and make devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary a regular monthly practice, which was so earnestly requested by Our Lady at Fatima.

The meditation and Rosary are separate requirements and need not be united. If united with the Rosary, one may pause to reflect on the mystery proposed either before or after each decade, or simply take twice as long to recite the Rosary while pondering on the mysteries.

The intention should be to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary and thus make reparation.

Act of Reparation for the First Saturdays

L. Most holy Virgin and our beloved Mother, * we listen with grief to the complaints of your Immaculate Heart, * surrounded with the thorns which ungrateful men place therein * at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Moved by an ardent desire of loving you as our Mother * and of promoting a true devotion to your Immaculate Heart, * we

prostrate ourselves at your feet * to prove the sorrow we feel * for the grievance that men cause you; * to atone by means of our prayers and sacrifices, * for the offenses with which men return your tender love.

A. Obtain for them and for us * the pardon of so many sins. A word from you * will obtain grace and amendment for us all.

L. Hasten, O Lady, the conversion of sinners, * that they may love Jesus * and cease to offend the Lord, * already so much offended, * and may not be lost in hell.

A. Turn your eyes of mercy toward us, * that henceforth we may love God with all our hearts while on earth * and enjoy Him forever in heaven. Amen.

An Act of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

L. O most holy Mother of God, * whose sanctity and sublime dignity are beyond the understanding of the angels themselves, * considering how little gratitude men have for the tenderness of your maternal Heart, * I cast myself before you * to make reparation for their coldness and indifference.

A. I am moved with compassion * on seeing your Heart outraged by unbelievers who ignore you, * by heretics who wish to rob you of your glorious titles, * and by so many bad Christians who do not appreciate Your love! Would that I were able by my fervent love, * to atone for all the insults * which you have re-

ceived from them. And yet, much to my shame, * I myself have driven into your Immaculate Heart a sword of sorrow * by my numberless sins * and by my unfaithfulness to so many graces * which you have obtained for me.

L. O most merciful Heart, forget all the sorrows which I have caused you, * and forgive the sins of your poor child * and for so many souls who dishonor you throughout the world.

A. In reparation for so much irreverence and coldness, O most amiable Heart, I offer you the Sacred Heart of your Divine Son * and I unite myself for time and eternity * to the love which He has for you. I offer you also the love which St. Joseph, your most worthy Spouse, * and all the saints and angels bear you. I wish to love you with them, * and to repeat throughout eternity: "May the loving Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary * with the adorable Heart of her Divine Son be praised! May They reign forever!"

L. O most holy Mother of God, * from your throne of glory in the highest heaven, * deign to cast your eyes of mercy upon us.

A. We are the children of your Heart; * show that you are our Mother. Shield us with your powerful protection, * defend us against the enemies of our soul, * and give us your motherly blessing. This is the grace which we ask from you with all our hearts. Amen.

4. DEVOTION AND CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

In the third apparition at Fatima, July 13, 1917, Our Lady told Lucy: "OUR LORD WISHES THAT DEVOTION TO MY IMMACULATE HEART BE ESTABLISHED IN THE WORLD."

On this occasion the three children were given a vivid and terrifying vision of hell. Then Our Lady continued:

"If what I tell you is done (establishment of devotion to the Immaculate Heart), many souls will be saved and there will be PEACE; the war will end."

If, however, her requests are not carried out, great calamities will come upon mankind.

"To prevent this I ASK THE CONSECRATION OF THE WORLD TO MY IMMACULATE HEART, and Communion of reparation on the First Saturday of each month. . . . If my requests are granted, Russia will be converted and there will be PEACE. . . . In the end my Immaculate Heart will triumph and an era of PEACE will be conceded to humanity."

On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII, on the occasion of the solemn closing of the celebration in honor of the Apparitions of Fatima, obeyed the message of Fatima and consecrated the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. His Holiness referred to the Consecration of Russia when he prayed, "Give PEACE to the peoples separated by error or discord, and especially to those who profess such singular devotion to thee (the Queen of Peace),

and in whose homes an honored place was ever accorded thy venerated icon (picture)."

But Our Lady of Fatima desires that we consecrate our homes and families to Her Immaculate Heart. Consecration is not enough. We must live that consecration. This consecration should take on the form of a real and earnest program of Christian living under the maternal protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In general, such a program consists in keeping the commandments and avoiding sins, receiving the sacraments frequently, and in praying often.

Francesco died at eleven years of age and his little sister Jacinta at ten. When Jacinta heard that her brother was dying, she sent this message to him: "Give my loving thoughts to Our Lord and Our Lady; tell Them that I am ready to suffer all that they wish, in order to convert sinners and to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Shortly before Jacinta died, she said to Lucia: "I have only a short time left before I go to heaven, but you must remain here below to make the world know that Our Lord wishes devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary established in the world. . . . Tell everybody that God gives graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Tell them to ask these graces from her, and that the Heart of Jesus wishes to be venerated together with the Immaculate Heart of His Mother. Ask them to plead for PEACE from the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the Lord has confided

the PEACE of the world to her." In obedience to her ecclesiastical superior and her confessor, Lucia revealed a part of the secret confided by Our Lady, and it concerns the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In one of the first apparitions Our Lady said that Lucia must remain on earth a while longer to spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. No one can miss the tone of earnestness in this appeal of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima.

Any form of veneration of the Blessed Virgin is always directed to her person. So, too, in venerating the Immaculate Heart of Mary, we revere not only the real physical Heart of our Blessed Mother, but also her person as the source and bearer of all her virtues. We expressly honor her Heart as a symbol of her love for God and for men.

The first impulses to the veneration of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are found in Holy Scripture. After the arrival of the shepherds to the crib we read: "But Mary kept in mind all these words, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2, 19). After Mary and Joseph found the twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple, Scripture says: "And his mother kept all these things carefully in her heart" (Luke 2, 51). And at the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Simeon predicted: "And thy own soul a sword shall pierce" (Luke 2, 35). These words were verified beneath the Cross, for as the Heart of Jesus was pierced by a lance, the Heart of His Blessed Mother

was transfixed by the sword of sorrow. The Heart of Jesus had its first beat in the shelter of the most pure Heart of His Mother Mary, and this most pure Heart had also received, so to say, the last beat of the Heart of Jesus. If the Sacred Heart would not be without the loving Heart of His Mother in heaven, He did not wish to be honored apart from her upon earth.

On August 22, 1945, Pope Pius XII instituted the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary with a proper office and Mass and extended it to the whole world.

Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

L. Heart of Mary, Mother of God and our Mother. * Heart most amiable, delight of the adorable Trinity, * and worthy of all the veneration and tenderness of angels and of men. Heart most like the Heart of Jesus, * whose perfect image you are.

A. Heart full of goodness, * ever compassionate toward our miseries, * deign to warm our cold hearts * and mould them to the likeness of the Heart of Jesus. Infuse into them love of your virtues, * and inflame them with the blessed fire * with which you ever burn.

L. In you let the Holy Church find safe shelter, * be its guardian and its ever sweet refuge, * its tower of strength, * impregnable against the attacks of its enemies. Be the road leading to Jesus; * be the channel whereby we receive all graces * needful for our salvation. Be our helper in need, * our comfort in

trouble, * our strength in temptation, *
our refuge in persecution, * our aid in
danger.

A. But especially in the last struggle
of our life, * at the moment of our death,
* when all hell shall be unchained
against us * to snatch away our souls, *
in that dread moment, * that hour so
terrible, * on which depends our eter-
nity — * then, most tender Virgin, * make
us feel how great is the sweetness of your
motherly Heart, * how great your power
with the Heart of Jesus, * opening to us
in the very fount of mercy itself a safe
refuge * so that one day we, too, may
join with you in heaven * in praising
the Heart of Jesus forever. Amen.

500 days (393)

Personal Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

L. Immaculate Heart of Mary, * most
perfect receptacle of the fullness of God's
grace, * Heart most loved by God and
most loving of Him, * Heart most tenderly
devoted to men and to their salvation, *
Heart made most sorrowful by our sins, *
Heart joyful in our charity, * I consecrate
myself entirely to you.

A. O Immaculate Heart of Mary, * in
the fire of love which burns in you, *
may all my sins be consumed and all
my affections purified. Let me by true
penitence * draw out of the painful thorns
with which I have pierced you.

L. May something of that divine fire
of love which fills you * enter into my
heart, * so that my service of your Son
may be complete.

A. In lasting devotion to your Immaculate Heart, * may I be willing to share its sorrows now, * so that seeing you in heaven, * I may possess some of the blessed joy * which your Son imparts to it. Immaculate Heart of Mary, * I am yours in sorrow and in joy, * in time and in eternity. Amen.

Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

L. O most sweet Hearts of Jesus and Mary, * to you we consecrate our family and all our possessions. We desire our home to be your little Kingdom, * a Kingdom of peace, of truth and love.

A. By your sanctification of family life at Nazareth, * you have clearly indicated * the kind of families that are pleasing to you. Your home was a home of prayer, * of love, of patient endurance, and of toil. It was a home in which reigned zeal to make progress in virtue, * in the knowledge of sacred things * and in grace.

L. It is our earnest wish to model our home upon yours at Nazareth.

A. Remain with us, O sweet Hearts of Jesus and Mary, * so that with your help the purity of our morals may be preserved, * that we may obey the commandments of God and of the Church, * sanctify Sundays and holydays, * practice the Rosary devotion, * foster religious instruction in our home, * and receive the holy sacraments frequently; * all this we wish to pledge to your most loving Hearts, O Jesus and Mary!

L. And do you, on your part, console us in our troubles.

A. Help us to preserve the innocence of our little ones, * enlighten and strengthen our growing sons and daughters * in the choice of their vocations, * assist us all at the hour of death, * and afterwards receive us into heaven, * to be united with each other and with you for all eternity. Amen.

Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

L. O Mary, Virgin most powerful and Mother of mercy, * Queen of Heaven and Refuge of sinners, * we consecrate ourselves to your Immaculate Heart.

A. We consecrate to you our very being and our whole life; all that we have, all that we love, all that we are. To you we give our bodies, our hearts and our souls; * to you we give our homes, our families, our country. We desire that all that is in us and around us may belong to you, * and may share in the benefits of your motherly blessing.

L. And that this act of consecration may be truly fruitful and lasting, * we renew this day at your feet * the promises of our baptism and our first Holy Communion.

A. We pledge ourselves to profess courageously and at all times * the truths of our holy Faith, * and to live as befits Catholics * who are submissive to all the directions of the Pope * and the Bishops in communion with him. We pledge ourselves to keep the commandments of God

and His Church, * in particular to keep holy the Lord's Day.

L. We likewise pledge ourselves * to make the consoling practices of the Christian religion, * and above all, Holy Communion, * an important part of our lives, * in so far as we shall be able to do so.

A. Finally, we promise you, * O glorious Mother of God and loving Mother of men, * to devote ourselves wholeheartedly * to the spreading of devotion to your Immaculate Heart, * in order to hasten and assure, * through the queenly rule of your Immaculate Heart, * the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of your adorable Son, * in our own hearts and in those of all men, * in our country and in all the world, * as in heaven so on earth. Amen.

3 years (390)

Consecration of Mankind to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

(Pope Pius XII)

L. Queen of the most holy Rosary, * Refuge of the human race, * Victress in all God's battles, * we humbly prostrate ourselves before your throne, * confident that we shall receive mercy, * grace, bountiful assistance and protection in the present calamity, * not through our own inadequate merits, * but solely through the great goodness of your maternal Heart.

A. To you, to your Immaculate Heart, * in this, humanity's tragic hour, * we consign and consecrate ourselves * in union not only with the Mystical Body of your

Son, Holy Mother Church, * now in such suffering and agony in so many places * and sorely tried in so many ways, * but also with the entire world, * torn by fierce strife, * consumed in a fire of hate, * victim of its own wickedness.

L. May the sight of the widespread material and moral destruction, * of the sorrows and anguish of countless fathers and mothers, * husbands and wives, * brothers and sisters, * and innocent children, * of the great number of lives * cut off in the flower of youth, * of the bodies mangled in horrible slaughter, * and of the tortured and agonized souls * in danger of being lost eternally * move you to compassion!

A. O Mother of mercy, * obtain PEACE for us from God * and above all procure for us those graces * which prepare, establish, and assure PEACE.

L. Queen of PEACE, pray for us * and give to the world now at war * the PEACE for which all peoples are longing, * PEACE in truth, justice and charity of Christ. Give PEACE to the warring nations * and to the souls of men, * that in the tranquillity of order * the kingdom of God may prevail.

A. Extend your protection to the infidels, * and to all those still in the shadow of death; * give them PEACE * and grant that on them, too, may shine the sun of truth, * that they may unite with us in proclaiming * before the one and only Savior of the world: * "Glory to God in the highest * and PEACE among men of good will."

L. Obtain PEACE and complete freedom * for the Holy Church of God; * stay the spreading flood of modern paganism; * enkindle in the faithful the love of purity, * the practice of the Christian life, * and an apostolic zeal, * so that the servants of God may increase in merit and in number.

A. Lastly, as the Church and the entire human race * were consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, * so that in reposing all hope in Him, * He might become for them * the sign and pledge of victory and salvation: * so we in like manner * consecrate ourselves forever also to you and to your Immaculate Heart, * our Mother and Queen, * that your love and patronage * may hasten the triumph of the kingdom of God, * and that all nations, * at PEACE with one another and with God, * may proclaim you blessed, * and with you may raise their voice to resound from pole to pole * in the chant of the everlasting Magnificat of glory, * love and gratitude to the Heart of Jesus, * where alone they can find truth and PEACE. Amen.

3 years (391)

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Prayer for a Special Favor

O my dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. I have come to your Immaculate Heart to plead for this favor.

(Mention your request.)

I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I

cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's Will in all things. Therefore, with childlike trust I abandon myself to God's Holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul.

Sweet Mother of Perpetual Help, I love you! I put all my confidence in you, because your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Amen.

Memorare to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

L. Remember, O most pure Heart of Mary, * the infinite treasure which your Divine Son has merited for us by His sorrowful Passion, * and which He has confided to you for us, * the children of your adoption.

A. You are called the Mediatrix of all Graces, * the Refuge of afflicted hearts, * the Advocate of desperate cases, * the unflinching help of all in need. It is through your maternal Heart that all benefits come to us. Filled with confidence in your Immaculate Heart, * which I venerate and love, * I come to you with my pressing needs. Mother most loving, * through the merits of your generous Heart, * obtain for me the favors I ask. Amen.

Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation.
300 days (352)

O Heart most pure of the Blessed Virgin Mary, obtain for me from Jesus a pure and humble heart.

300 days (353)

CHAPTER III

OTHER PRAYERS

For the Church in Time of Persecution

L. Heavenly Father, * have mercy on the faithful who suffer persecution because of their faith in You.

A. Heavenly Father, * have mercy on the dispensers of grace, Your bishops and priests, * who are hated and condemned for their trust in You.

L. Heavenly Father, * have mercy on Your Vicar on earth, the Holy Father, * who is despised and reviled by Your enemies for his love of You.

A. Jesus, incarnate Divine Word, * have mercy on Your children * who are prevented by the powers of evil * from practicing their holy religion.

L. Jesus, incarnate Divine Word, * have mercy on the parents of families * who are hindered from educating their children according to truth.

A. Jesus, incarnate Divine Word, * have mercy on the victims * who are caught in the spreading storm of the new paganism and godlessness.

L. Come, Holy Spirit, Spirit of understanding, * open the eyes of the Church's persecutors, * who are blinded by ignorance and hatred.

A. Come, Holy Spirit, * Spirit of Wisdom, * enlighten the minds of those * who are outside the fold of Holy Mother Church.

L. Come, Holy Spirit, Consoler Spirit,
* hear our cry for help in these days of
widespread tribulation.

A. O Mary, Mother of love and Queen
of PEACE, * intercede for us.

L. O St. Joseph, Patron of the universal
Church, protect us.

A. O St. Michael the Archangel, * lead
the Church to victory over all her ene-
mies. Amen.

For Our Holy Father

L. O Jesus, Supreme Pontiff of the
New and Eternal Testament, * You are
seated at the right hand of God as a per-
petual Advocate for us, * and are pleased
to be for all time with Your beloved
spouse the Church, * and with Your vicar
who governs her. * Divine Prince of the
pastors of Your flock, You have deigned
to place on the throne of Peter Your serv-
ant and Pontiff, Pope Pius. Make him, in
the midst of the iniquity of our times, *
mild in hostile attacks, * strong in the
defense of the faith, * and a gentle father
and watchful master in the pastoral office.

May Your kingdom come, * O immor-
tal King of the ages. May the truth, which
You have brought from heaven, * reach
even to the uttermost confines of the
earth. * May the fire which You willed to
be cast upon the earth * inflame all
hearts.

L. This is the desire that is in the heart
of Your vicar; * a desire to reconcile men
to You; * a desire for concord and for-

givenness among nations; * a desire for justice and PEACE.

A. Enlighten Your Vicar, O Jesus. Strengthen him in his sorrows and in his universal cares. * Speak that powerful word, O Lord, * which shall change minds, * turn hate into love, * check the fury of human passions, * temper the sufferings * and dry the tears of those who are in sorrow. Increase the virtue and the resignation of families, * pacify nations and peoples, * so that the Church built by You on St. Peter * to gather all peoples around Your altar of life and salvation, * may invoke You, * adore You and exalt You in PEACE forever. Amen.

For Our Country

L. Queen of the Holy Rosary, * sweet Virgin of Fatima, * you have deigned to appear in the land of Portugal * and have brought an internal and external PEACE * to that once so troubled country, * we beg of you to watch over our dear homeland, * and to assure its moral and spiritual revival.

A. Bring back PEACE to all nations of the world, * so that all, * and our own nation in particular, * may be happy to call you their Queen of PEACE. Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, * pray for our country. Our Lady of Fatima, * obtain for all humanity a lasting PEACE. Amen.

To the Immaculate Patroness of Our Country

L. You are all fair, O Mary,

A. The original stain is not in you.

L. You are the glory of Jerusalem,

A. You are joy of Israel,

L. You are the great honor of our people,

A. You are the advocate of sinners.

L. O Mary,

A. O Mary,

L. Virgin most prudent,

A. Mother most merciful,

L. Pray for us,

A. Intercede for us with our Lord Jesus Christ.

500 days (359)

L. Blessed be the holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

300 days (356)

A. O Mary, conceived without sin, * pray for us who have recourse to thee.

300 days (357)

Invocation to Our Lady of Fatima for Our Servicemen

L. Our Lady of Fatima, in your prayers lies the hope of our country and PEACE in the world.

A. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart * the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen who are fighting the godless forces of Communism, * that human freedom, * religion and civilization may survive.

L. That they may be victorious in the trying hour of temptation.

A. Help them, Our Lady of Fatima.
(Repeat after each petition)

L. That they may quickly rise again should they have the misfortune to fall into sin.

A. Help them, etc.

L. That they may break asunder any bonds of Satan in which they may become entangled.

L. Against the temptations of the world, evil companions and bad books.

L. Against the demon of impurity.

L. That they may soon return to the Heart of Jesus should they ever become lukewarm in their religion.

L. That they may be faithful in the frequent reception of the sacraments and the performance of their Christian duties.

L. That they may ever love and serve God, and always invoke His assistance.

L. In all the trials and dangers of a military life.

L. That they may persevere in the grace of God and perfect sorrow for their sins.

L. That they may bravely accept the sufferings of battle and even death in the spirit of faith and resignation as a martyr's sacrifice.

L. That through them God may wipe out Communism and defeat its forces of evil.

L. That through them all nations may soon enjoy a new era of freedom and good will in a world of Christian peace.

For a Loved One in the Armed Service

(To the Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Mary, Immaculate, Patroness of our country, with the greatest confidence I come to you in order to invoke your aid.

You have seen the wounds which Jesus has been pleased to receive for our sake; you have seen the Blood of your Son flowing for our salvation; you know how your Son desires to apply to us the fruit of His Redemption. Behold I cast myself at your feet, and pray you to obtain for me from the Heart of Jesus, the source of every good, this grace. . . . (*Here mention it silently.*)

Immaculate Heart of Mary, your Son has given you to us for our Mother. To your loving protection I entrust my loved one in the Armed Service. I implore you to come to his aid always and everywhere: in his temptations, after his falls, in his difficulties, in the dangers of a military life, above all, in suffering or in death. Give him, loving Mother, the habit always to have recourse to you, for I know you will be faithful to come to his assistance. Keep him safe from harm of body and soul. Help him to remain always in the grace of God, especially through the frequent use of the sacraments and prayer. Bring him back home sound and grateful for your loving protection.

Mary, my Mother, I trust not in my merits, but in your powerful intercession. I put all my confidence in the goodness and motherly love of your Immaculate Heart. For the love of Jesus I beg you to hear my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. Amen.

Prayer for the Departed Servicemen

L. Lord Jesus Christ,

A. You have said, * "Greater love than this no one has, * that one lay down his life for his friends," * and You have died as a Victim of Charity, * graciously deign to reward the soldiers, sailors, marines and airmen, * who fought the good fight * and in submission to Your holy will * gave their lives in defense of their country's honor, * that its hearts and altars might be protected; * that Your Kingdom of Truth and Life * Holiness and Grace, * Justice, Love and PEACE, * might be spread among men! Be pleased to forgive their sins * and the punishment due to them, * and crown their military valor * with immortal glory in Your heavenly kingdom. For the sake of Your own Virgin Mother, * who is their Mother too, * grant this prayer.

L. Merciful Lord Jesus,

A. Grant them everlasting rest.

300 days (583)

L. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,

A. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

L. May they rest in peace.

A. Amen.

300 days (582)

L. Graciously listen to our prayers, O Lord,

A. In which we humbly beg You to show Your mercy * to the souls of those who have died in battle, * whom You have commanded to leave this world. Place them in the region of peace and light, * and bid them be partakers with

Your Saints. Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

500 days (554)

O Mary, Mother of God and Mother of mercy, * pray for us and for all who have died in the embrace of the Lord.

300 days (270)

To Mary, Queen of Peace

L. Most holy Virgin, * Mother of God and our most loving Mother, * by your divine maternity * you merited to share in your Divine Son's prerogative of universal kingship.

A. We, your most humble servants and devoted children, * feel ourselves comforted by the thought, * that as it pleased the Redeemer of mankind * to have Himself announced by the Prophets and by the Angels at Bethlehem * under the glorious title of King of PEACE, * so too it must be pleasing to you * to hear yourself greeted and honored by us * under the title of Queen of PEACE, * a title that is so dear to your motherly Heart, * and addressed to you with all the fervor of our hearts.

L. May your powerful intercession * ward off from your people all hatred and discord, * and direct their hearts in the ways of PEACE and brotherhood, * which Jesus Christ came to teach and enforce among men * for the prosperity and salvation of all, * and in which paths * Holy Church does not cease to guide our steps.

A. Deign, glorious Queen, * to behold with kindly eyes * and to crown with success the fatherly care * with which the

Sovereign Pontiff, * the Vicar on earth of your Divine Son, * continually seeks to call together * and unite the nations about the only center of saving Faith; * grant that in childlike submission to our common Father, * we may carry out wholeheartedly his salutary directions. Enlighten the rulers of our country * as to those same directions. Promote and maintain PEACE and concord in our families, * PEACE in our hearts, * and Christian charity throughout all the world. Amen.

500 (days 430)

To Our Mother of Perpetual Help for Peace

L. Mother of Perpetual Help, * you have given to the world the author and lover of all true PEACE, * in the Person of Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son.

A. Graciously hear our prayer * and turn your eyes of pity upon the sorely afflicted world. We are not worthy, most holy Mother, * that you should deign to hear our prayer. Our innumerable sins and our woeful indifference in the past * are only too richly deserving of the punishments and afflictions * which now so sadly threaten us.

L. But mindful of the love you bear to Jesus, your Son, * our true and only Prince of PEACE, * and moved by your own most tender and never failing wish to assist us, * we beg you now, * most gracious and compassionate Mother, * to hear our prayer * and have mercy on our distress.

A. Guard our homes * and keep our loved ones unhurt amid the dangers of war. Into the souls of rulers and peoples in every land, * instill a sense of justice * and righteous hatred of every evil. And in your own most sweet and ever tender way, * bring back to our world * a complete and justly founded sway of PEACE * through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Mary our hope, have pity on us.

300 days (299)

My Mother, my hope.

300 days (302)

To Our Lady Help of Christians

L. Immaculate Virgin, * Mother of God and our Mother Mary, * you see the attacks that are everywhere made * by the devil and the world upon the Catholic Faith, * in which, by God's grace, * we intend to live and die, * in order that we may attain to eternal glory.

A. O Help of Christians, * renew your former victories and save your children. They entrust to you their firm purpose * never to enroll themselves in societies hostile to our holy religion.

L. You who are all holy, * present to your Divine Son our good resolutions, * and obtain for us the grace we need * to be unshaken in their observance * even to the end of life.

A. Console the visible Head of the Church, * sustain the Catholic bishops, * protect the clergy and people who claim you Queen. By the power of your intercession * hasten the day when all nations

shall be gathered * at the feet of the Divine Shepherd. Amen.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!
500 days (411)

L. O Mary, powerful Virgin.

A. You are the mighty and glorious protector of Holy Church; * you are the marvelous help of Christians; * you are awe-inspiring as an army in battle array; * you alone have destroyed every heresy in the whole world. In the midst of our anguish, * our struggles and our distress, * *defend us from the power of the enemy,* * and at the hour of our death * receive our souls in paradise. Amen (*St. John Bosco*).

3 years (414)

APPENDIX

Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ graciously hear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

Holy Mother of God,

pray, etc.

Holy Virgin of virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of Divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of good counsel,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Savior,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of wisdom,
Cause of our joy,
Spiritual vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular vessel of devotion,
Mystical rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted.
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,

Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,
Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
Queen assumed into heaven,
Queen of the most holy Rosary,
Queen of Peace,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world, spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world, graciously hear us, O
Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.

Let us pray

Grant, we beg You, O Lord God, * that
we Your servants * may rejoice in con-
tinual health of mind and body; * and
through the glorious intercession of
Blessed Mary ever Virgin, * be freed
from present sorrow * and enjoy eternal
gladness. * Through Christ our Lord. *
Amen.

7 years (319)

The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, * that never was it known, * that
anyone who fled to your protection, *
implored your help, * and sought your
intercession, * was left unaided. * In-
spired with this confidence, * I fly to you

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. * To you
I come, before you I stand, * sinful and
sorrowful. * O Mother of the Word In-
carnate, * despise not my petitions, *
but in your mercy hear and answer me. *
Amen.

3 years (339)

*Praised be Jesus and Mary,
Now and forever! Amen.*



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